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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the abstract with the following rewritten abstract:

-- The present invention relates to ~~the requirement of security in~~ establishing security within an ad hoc network. ~~More particularly it relates to the problem within ad hoc networks,~~ Such ad hoc networks do not have ~~not having~~ on-line connections to a particular server for getting desired public keys or certificates, ~~required~~ thereby requiring them to create trust relations among their respective nodes wherein ~~Within an ad hoc communication network,~~ some of the nodes have a mutual trust relation to each other, thus constituting a trust group. When a particular candidate node desires to join the trust group, ~~An additional node within the network is being a candidate node for joining the trust group. An~~ an X-node is identified, being a member of a trust group and having a trust relation with the candidate node. The X-node then certifies the candidate node and establishes and distributes trust relations between the members of the trust group and the candidate node. --

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